Furnishing wrong accounts by Coal India Limited officials

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SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:
SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
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SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADSWAMY:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 734 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the sub-group of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Energy has since submitted its report about the allegation that three former top Coal India Limited officials have deliberately manipulated the accounts to project an exaggerated picture of good performance by companies headed by them; and ....

(b) if so, what are the details regarding this matter and what action has been taken against the persons responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) The Sub-Group of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Energy has submitted its report recently. The Sub-Group have observed *inter-alia* that the then Chairman, Coal India Limited, the then Chairman-cum-Managing Director Bharat Coking Coal Limited and the then Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Western Coalfields Limited, all the three, were to retire during the year 1985 and hence they seem to have made deliberate attemnt to project exaggerated rosy picture of the companies headed by them.

In April, 1985, Coal India Limited reported that on the basis of the best possible estimates of subsidiaries, Coal India Limited had made a profit of Rs. 13.83 crores during the year 1984-85. With the completion of statutory audit and financial accounts of Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries, it was found that coal India Limited had suffered an overall loss of Rs. 78.03 crores.

The main variations were found to be in the accounts of two companies, namely, Bharat Coking Coal Limited where the loss increased by Rs. 60.87 crores and Western Coalfields Limited where profit decreased by Rs. 29.01 crores from the original estimates. A Task Force was constituted by the Government which went into the reasons for variation in Bharat Coking Coal Limited's reported loss in the estimates of cost accounts and audited financial accounts as the variation was substantial in respect of this Company. In Western Coalfields Limited also, an Internal Committee was constituted by the Western Coalfields Limited to probe into the variations in accounts of this Company. Based on the findings of Task Force/Internal Committee, appropriate disciplinary action has been initiated/taken against the erring officers.

While there is no provision in the Coal India Limited's Conduct, Discipline and Appeal Rules to take action against the retired officers, if action had not been initiated against them while in service, the comments of the then CMDs on the observations of the Sub-Group have been called for.

Letters of intent recommended by orissa Government for clearance

1317. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases for issue of letters of intent recommended by the State Government of Orissa are pending with the Central Government for clearance and the duration of their pendency; and

(b) what action Government propose to take to finalise the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) As on 31.10.1986, twelve applications received under the provisions of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 for the grant of Letters of Intent for locating industries in Orissa are at various stages of consideration. Of these, four applications are pending for about six months, five applications for four months and the rest have been received recently. It is the constant endeavour of the Government to dispose of all pending applications as expeditiously as possible.

'Ganjam as a no Industry District'

1318. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether Central Government propose to declare Ganjam District of Orissa as a 'No Industry District'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): No, Sir; Only districts having no large or medium scale industries are identified as 'No Industry Districts'. Ganjam district is not eligible for inclusion in the list of 'No Industry Districts'.

Developing Non-conventional sources of energy

1319. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have drawn up plans to develop non-conventional sources of energy;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what efforts have been made to ask other States for drawing up plans for the development of non-conventional eneregy sources in their respective States; and

(d) whether the Union Government provides some assistance to State Governments for this purpose and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (d) All the State Governments have drawn up plans to develop non-conventional sources of energy. The plans aims at harnessing Solar Energy, Wind Energy, Bio-Energy, installation of Improved Chuiha etc. for generation/saving of energy during the Seventh Plan period. An outlay of Rs. 100.69 crores has been approved by the Planning Commission in the State sector for developing non-conventional sources of energy in the States. The implementation of the programmes is being reviewed on actual basis at the time of Annual Plan discussions in the Working Group for Non-Conventional Sources of Energy Programme. During the Annual Plan discussions the allocations are made for the next year for developing new and on-going programmes of non-conventional sources of energy.

In addition to the outlay approved by the Planning Commission in the State sector, the Central Government provides technical and financial assistance to the State Governments for developing non-conventional sources of energy. This assistance depends upon the targets for the various programmes fixed for different States in consultation with them and or on the basis of technically viable projects emanating from them.

Korba West Thermal Power Station

1320. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) by when the fourth unit of 210 MW capacity Korba West Thermal Power Station in Madhya Pradesh would become ready for commercial operation; and .....

(b) what are the constraints responsible for delay in commissioning the plant and what steps Government of India have taken to overcome them?